

**VIGO COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**Minutes**  
**TUESDAY, June 16, 2009 AT 5:00 P.M.**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Sheriff Jon Marvel who led the pledge of allegiance called the meeting to order.

**Calling of the Roll**

**Roll Call.**

**Present:** Bill Bryan, Brad Anderson, Ed Ping, Tim Curley, Darrick Scott, Mark Bird, and Kathy Miller.

**Corrections to the journal of the preceding meeting, if needed.**

a. May 26, 2009 meeting.

**Motion:** to approve the minutes of the May 26, 2009 meeting. **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Darrick Scott, **Seconded by** Bill Bryan. **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).  
**Yes:** Bill Bryan, Brad Anderson, Ed Ping, Tim Curley, Darrick Scott, Mark Bird, and Kathy Miller.

b. June 9th Abatement Review Meeting.

**Motion:** to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2009 meeting. **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Darrick Scott, **Seconded by** Mark Bird.  
**Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).  
**Yes:** Bill Bryan, Brad Anderson, Ed Ping, Tim Curley, Darrick Scott, Mark Bird, and Kathy Miller.

**Public Comment**

There was none.

**Communications from elected officials of the County**

a. Commissioners presenting 2010 Budget recommendations

b. Tim Seprodi, Auditor, presented a study (test on mold) from Commissioner Mike Ciolli regarding leaky roof at jail. Mr. Seprodi advised that the Commissioners would be putting something on agenda for next council meeting to discuss this. President Miller asked if this was already on the log sheet and was advised it was not. It would be a special projects issue and needs to be scheduled for discussion. Mr. Ciolli advised that he's received calls from jail inmates and others to report that the roof is leaking at the jail and mold is present. Air quality is acceptable right now but there is the issue of mold. Brad Anderson asked Mr. Ciolli if an estimate was given to repair the roof. Mr. Ciolli advised he's been told up to \$150,000 but that may just be for one pod. This has been an ongoing problem for years, according to the council. It will be quite expensive to clean up and repair roof. Jon Marvel advised of ceiling leaks in jail cells and also skylights and common areas. Mr. Marvel advised this has leaked from "day one" (since it was new). RQAW (engineering/architectural firm) has advised they will repair ceilings in cells but the county is responsible for the roof. Did the county pursue a lawsuit against roofing company? No, the roofing company has blamed RQAW. Kathy Miller, president advised we need to discuss this issue later.

c. Pat Mansard, Vigo County clerk, advised she got her budget forms on the 10<sup>th</sup> and they are due by the 19<sup>th</sup>. She does not think that is enough time. Kathy Miller advised her she could request an extension.

d. Nancy Allsup, Vigo County recorder, advised they have the new scanning machine (upgrade) coming on June 22nd but advised she still needs extra help. She can get a temp service and they will pay workmen's compensation, unemployment etc and we pay straight \$12 hour. Mrs. Allsup would like a line item for temp service and/or to pay for overtime. Councilman Bird advised that the budget adjustment committee gave her permission to hire part time help that would be paid for from county general funds. She would like to hire this part time help using general funds to pay for it – Kathy Miller, president, asked her if she was pulling the original council request - she is not pulling original request. She is also now asking for an additional line item to come from her perpetuation fund after this year. Kathy Miller advised her this would be discussed during budget adjustment committee meeting.

#### **Communications from other officials or agencies**

a. Jerry Lindsay, Highway Superintendent discussing budget constraints. Since 2007 & 2008 they have lost seven (7) employees and council, because of budget constraints, would not allow positions to be filled. They are now eleven (11) employees down. What direction does council want highway department to go? They need help or services will continue to suffer. Can council find the money? Perhaps from Edit/Rainy Day fund? Also, there were no summer people hired (last year or this year).

They are still trying to answer complaints and respond to requests but it's getting harder. The State has cut 2-3% every year since Jerry has been supervisor. Last month he was advised they would be \$110,000 short on MDH and \$96,000 on local roads and streets.

They have two employees retiring later this year (Aug and Oct). Gasoline and materials have gone up 50%. The money they had nine years ago is now only worth 50% of what it was. Councilman Bird advised we need to help the department with ideas, money. Brad Anderson asked how much was budgeted for the four (4) people we are down? Councilman Darrick Scott asked if we had heard anything from the commissioners regarding 2010 budget. No, we have not. Commissioner Ciolli advised he wasn't aware the budget was due yet; Councilman Scott advised it was due March 15<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Ciolli is new and will get with the existing commissioners to deal with this.

Mr. Ping advised we need to make as many cuts as we can before we raise taxes. We need the commissioners to give the council direction in the budget process so we know where we stand. President Miller advised a letter was sent to the commissioners in January asking for the budget in a timely manner so we could address these issues. We have not received any direction or data from the commissioners regarding the budget. The council would sincerely appreciate their expediency in dealing with the budget.

Kylissa Miller, chief deputy auditor, advised we need to quit looking for band-aids to solve the budget problems. We need to look for permanent solutions. Rainy day is not a replenishable fund. Edit is but we have a lot of other departments that are dependent on that fund. Also Mr. Lindsay cannot ask for additional appropriations for the rest of this year out of highway or local road and streets as he has zero operating balance left for the remainder of this year.

#### **Reports from standing committees**

There were none.

#### **Reports from select committees**

There were none.

#### **Ordinances relating to appropriations**

##### ***a. Budget Adjustments***

##### **i. Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2009-25**

Coroner requesting an additional \$15,000 for transportation and \$10,000 for autopsies.

**Motion:** Approve ordinance, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Bill Bryan, **Seconded by** Mark Bird. **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).

**Yes:** Bill Bryan, Brad Anderson, Ed Ping, Tim Curley, Darrick Scott, Mark Bird, and Kathy Miller.

- ii. Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2009-26  
CASA would like the grant money they are receiving to be appropriated so they can continue to keep their part time worker and hire another part time worker. Their old grant ends on June 30, 2009. It passed through their committee. Councilman Anderson asked if we had already approved using this grant money to hire two people in the past. Kylissa Miller, chief deputy auditor, advised that we approved two positions using county general money. Mr. Anderson stated it was his opinion that when those two positions were approved the county would be reimbursed when the new grant money came through. Councilman Bird advised that part of this grant was used for a part time employee last year. President Miller advised that the reason she approved paying for the two employees was that she was under the impression that they ran out of grant money but when they got new grant money they would reimburse county general. It was determined that the information the council has is not clear enough to make a reliable decision right now. **Motion:** Motion to table until next month **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mark Bird, **Seconded by** Bill Bryan.  
**Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (summary: Yes = 7).  
**Yes:** Bill Bryan, Brad Anderson, Ed Ping, Tim Curley, Darrick Scott, Mark Bird, and Kathy Miller.
- iii. Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2009-27  
Paying for office manager out of Sheriff Sale funds. This was previously approved by council but the auditor's office did not advertise it as stated by statute. It has since been advertised and just needs to be approved again. **Motion:** To approve paying for office manager from Sheriff Sale fund. **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Tim Curley, **Seconded by** Bill Bryan.  
**Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (summary: Yes = 7).  
**Yes:** Bill Bryan, Brad Anderson, Ed Ping, Tim Curley, Darrick Scott, Mark Bird, and Kathy Miller.

iv. Salary Ordinance 2009-4

**Recorder** position that was discussed earlier. Per Kylissa Miller, chief deputy auditor, we would have to pay this from contractual services and would need to transfer money into that line item. Right now the recorder wants to hire part time help using money saved from the person that left earlier this year. For the next year she wants the contractual line item. Mr. Curley advised tabling this until further notice so it can be studied. **Motion:** to table. **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Tim Curley, **Seconded by** Ed Ping.

**Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote  
(**summary:** Yes = 7).

**Yes:** Bill Bryan, Brad Anderson, Ed Ping, Tim Curley, Darrick Scott, Mark Bird, and Kathy Miller.

v. Salary Ordinance 2009-5

**Group Homes** adjustment regarding relief 24-hour shift workers vs. hourly workers so they did not make more than the hourly workers. To be retroactive. **Motion:** To approve **Action:** Approve, retroactive **Moved by** Darrick Scott, **Seconded by** Mark Bird.

**Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote  
(**summary:** Yes = 7).

**Yes:** Bill Bryan, Brad Anderson, Ed Ping, Tim Curley, Darrick Scott, Mark Bird, and Kathy Miller.

vi. Salary Ordinance 2009-6

**CASA**

**Motion:** To be tabled since additional appropriation 2009-26 was tabled for further study and discussion. **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Tim Curley, **Seconded by** Tim Curley.

**Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote  
(**summary:** Yes = 7).

**Yes:** Bill Bryan, Brad Anderson, Ed Ping, Tim Curley, Darrick Scott, Mark Bird, and Kathy Miller.

**Honorary resolutions.**

There were none

**Resolutions relating to fiscal policies of the Council**

There were none.

**First reading by summary reference of proposed ordinances and resolutions.**

**Per President Kathy Miller**, add Recorder and CASA requests to the log sheet. Numbered as follows: 09-061 Casa, 09-062 Recorder.  
All others as well as these will be assigned to appropriate committees.

**Appointments**

Pam Connelly and Kathy Miller appointed to remain on Juvenile Center Advisory board for a term of two years commencing July 1, 2009.

**Adjournment**

**Motion:** to adjourn at 6:05 p.m.**Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Mark Bird, **Seconded by** Tim Curley.

**Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).

**Yes:** Bill Bryan, Brad Anderson, Ed Ping, Tim Curley, Darrick Scott, Mark Bird, and Kathy Miller.